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I am Jeff Burnell, US Citizen. I have bought two Microsoft Operating Systems for home use. I am also a computer programmer and work with Microsoft products on a daily basis.

Regarding the proposed settlement between Microsoft Corp. and the US Dept of Justice and the nine states signing on to the settlement:

I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MICROSOFT CORP AND THE US DEPT OF JUSTICE AND THE NINE STATES WHICH HAVE AGREED TO THE SETTLEMENT

It is my opinion that the settlement does not discourage Microsoft from continuing to take advantage of its Operating System monopoly to artificially raise the prices and stifle competition in the markets it enters. This harms consumers and the economy in general.

My work experience has shown me that the one of the biggest challenges organizations face is the management of data. If Microsoft had not stifled and driven out of business many other companies on its path to power, consumers and the economy would be much better off than they are today.

I am concerned that if this settlement goes forward, Microsoft will see this as free reign to continue stifling competition and raising prices.

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